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RECALL PETITIONS TO BE READY MONDAY



BLANKET...of snow on the hills west of Donner Lake is s own after last week's storm. A new layer of snow was dropped over the weekend.

Olympic Housing Reservations In

With the opening date of the Eighth Winter Olympics still more than a month away, reservations are reported to be coming in to Grass Valley and Nevada City motels and hotels at a fast pace.

About 50 reservations have benn placed to date in Grass Valley through the Squaw Valley Housing office. Additional reservations are coming direct to motels and hotels from prospective visitors.

In some instances, the privately placed reservations outnumber those placed by Squaw Valley.

Likewise, in Nevada City, numerous requests for information have been received by individual hotel and motel owners. To date, few confirmed reservations have been placed in Nevada City, however.

The Nevada City Chamber of Commerce said it was "disappointed" with a seeming lack of cooperation of the Squaw Valley Housing group because no reservations have come from the Olympic headquarters yet.

Leonard Prisk, president of the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce, last wekk forecast a full house over the Washington Birthday weekend and the chamber issued a call for private homes to register available rooms in anticipation of a heavy flow of reservation requests in the next few weeks.

Meanwhile, transportation still is proving to be a thorn in the side of Olympic planning.

At least one reservation received through the Squaw Valley Housing committee has been canceled because the potential guests "did not

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Plan To Begin Seeking Names Next Week

A movement to recall three members of the Nevada Union High School District Board of Trustees continued this week after some hesitation followed by a rededication of the committee at a meeting last night.

The petitions will begin circulation Monday, according to plans of the Nevada Union High School District Recall Committee.

Leaders of the petition movement were chosen in nearly half of 45 areas in which signatures will be sought.

Hesitation was afforded the group when Charles W. Hart warned that while recall is a right of the people, it is also a responsibility. Once applied against a member of the community, it becomes a permanent fixture.

Chairman Leon Sanford, in opening the meeting, also played down what began last week as a movement to retain Superintendent William Wilson in his job.

Board members Jack Brickell, Bob Paine

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Editorial: How About It, Greyhound?

Grass Valley motels and hotels will be filled with visitors attending the Eighth Winter Olympics during the Washington Birthday weekend.

Now the problem of public transportation for these visitors a real one. It is no longer one that can be dodged.

Perhaps the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce will be forced to charter a bus on behalf of these Olympic guests.

This should not be necessary.

Pacific Greyhound Lines has a responsibility in this area. They have not been giving the best of service during normal times. But they certainly have no excuse for giving poor service during the Winter Games.

We pointed out the problem and forecast its arrival. We now ask the Greyhound Lines:

Do you expect these visitors to take your 4 a.m. schedule to the Olympics? Do you expect them to eat dinner after their arrival "home" in our area that night at 8:30 p.m.? Do you expect them to arise the second day at 4 a.m. for another trip to the Olympics?

Your reputation as a public utility is in your own hands, Pacific Greyhound.

But our reputation as a tourist center and as host cities at the Eighth Winter Olympics is, although it should not be tied to your decision.

Perhaps the people of this area can forgive you for the measly two-bus-a-day schedule you offer us now--perhaps they will forgive if you now accept your responsibility as the only major transportation available to our Olympic guests.

SNOWSHOE THOMPSON AND THE BIRTH OF SKIING AS A SPORT

BY
STANLEY H. HALLS

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The Sport Of "Snowshoeing" Is Born

Perhaps one of the great anomalies of history is that the sport of "snowshoeing" or skiing should first see the light of day in the high valleys of the California Sierra, an area of our country that at that time had only been recently and sparsely settled.

No one knows for sure just when "snowshoeing" was introduced in the western mountains, but it is believed to have been in or about the year 1850. Whether skis were introduced to these California hills by Scandinavian sailors who jumped their ships in San Francisco Bay to try their luck in the "gold diggin's," or whether they were developed as a necessity for travel over the deep snows is not known. However, it is popularly believed by California historians that snowshoes of a sort were used in and about La Porte, Plumas County, during the winter of 1850-51. These were not the webbed, Canadian type snowshoe or tramper as we refer to snowshoes today, but a device closely resembling our modern ski.

What is even more odd about the saga of American Skiing is that the skis used in the California gold country were apparently the first to be used in America.

Nowhere in the literature and historical accounts of the growth of our country is there a single reference regarding the use of skis prior to their introduction to the mining camps of the California Sierra. Our founding fathers either did not know about skis or found them unnecessary for winter travel. Even as the tide of empire moved west across the continent, we find no reference to the use of skis for snow travel.

References in the California State Historical Library state that the first skis used in California were staves from

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This Early Sketch, Published In The Mining And Scientific Press Of 1886, Portrays The Racers' Technique, The Ever Popular Bar And Whiskey Keg, And Contestants Applying "Dope" To Their Skis

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EDITORIAL

The Planning Job

County planning consultant A. T. Parsons has advised the board of supervisors of his intention of resigning.

Before he leaves his job in June, serious consideration should be given by the supervisors, planning commission, and by interested citizens to his recommendation that the office of planning consultant become a full-time job, carried out by a qualified expert.

At the same time, before another man is hired, the entire range of problems connected with planning should be discussed fully.

To even the most superficial observer, it is becoming apparent that Nevada County, in common with almost all counties of the state, is increasingly beset by problems of land-use.

The wisdom that is brought to bear in solving these problems will directly affect the beauty and desirability of our residential areas, and the prosperity of our economy.

We believe that a public discussion of these problems and of the need for a full-time planning consultant or director is in order.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Sirs:

For sometime now I have intended to write you a letter to tell you my opinion of your paper but I have been putting it off to see if you would survive the terrible high cost of printing pictures.

(I understand it costs $6.00 or so for each lead plate to make each picture you print) *see editor's note below.

So I have been told by other papers who have been established for sometime and who should be able to stand the price.

Some time ago, about eight years to be exact, I contacted ....(a newspaper)....about printing pictures of our 4-H children here. We thought it would help our recruiting program.

The paper informed me that it was too expensive for them to undertake, so I took our hometown paper in to show them and convince them it could be done.

Now my hometown is no bigger than Grass Valley or Nevada City and the paper there built their reputation on printing pictures and they have been printing their paper since 1824--and going strong yet.

We still get it and have been here 14 years.

My uncles brought The Jeffersonian (our home town paper) to Nevada City with them in the 1880's and had it brought to them while they were here.

Everyone in Nevada City read it then. That's the first thing people asked them about when they visited here years later, The Daily Jeffersonian.

Well, I'm getting off the subject. Anyway, two years ago I contacted....(another newspaper)....in town.....about putting pictures of our 4-H boys and girls to publicize the 4-H Exhibit Day.

They were very enthusiastic about it and assured me that they would print the pictures if I would take them, write the stories and label them.

So I bought film and had project tours and took pictures like mad. I took 25 pictures, all properly labeled, and stories for each, in to them.

Then is when they threw their bombshell. They wanted me to pay $6 for each picture they printed for lead plates charge. And besides, after all my effort, they couldn't find one picture they could use after I told them we had no funds to pay for them as we were a non-profit organization, all volunteer.

I came to the conclusion that my hometown paper had either a lead mine or unlimited funds from another source to print the large amount of pictures they printed.

Then I heard you were going to print pictures. I immediately started to feel sorry for you. All your effort, and then to go bankrupt printing pictures. It would be too bad, just as I thought it was going to be such a nice paper.

I am sending in my subscription money anyway. It will buy a little over one fourth of a lead plate for you.

Please let me know how you manage to survive the barrier of the lead plates. You see, I have been thoroughly convinced that it is impossible.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Charlene Welker

(Editor's Note: We must admit that we feel more sympathy for Mrs. Welker's past photo experiences than we do for our own plight.

Perhaps that is due to the fact that we do not use metal plates in the reproduction of photos in The Citizen. Nor is the cost of reproduction $6 per photo.

Because we use the most modern offset printing processes, The Citizen is able to reproduce pictures in quantity without undue expense.

In this way we will survive the "lead plate barrier."

In fairness, it should be pointed out that at one of the times mentioned in Mrs. Welker's letter there were three newspapers in Western Nevada County.)

CITIZEN OF THE WEEK



A New Citizen For A New Year

The Citizen of the Week is really the CITIZEN OF THE YEAR...for she is the first baby of 1960.

Her name is Andrea Lynne Ashley. She entered this world at 5:40 a.m., Monday, January 4, 1960, weighing in at six pounds 2 and 1/2 ounces.

The little lady, when interviewed, refused to open her eyes so that we could tell what color they are, but her hair is black, and she is more like a precious, delicious doll...until she yawns.

When she posed for her picture, she merely yawned...and we only got the last half of her yawn in the picture. Being quite bored with it all, she refused to yawn again for us.

The parents of this tiny bundle of joy are Mr. and Mrs. Fay Stevens of Rt. 1, Box 488, Grass Valley.

Inasmuch as the young lady was most aloof and removed from it all, we could not get her to commit herself on what her plans for the future are...but we are certain that when she grows up she will be a most enchanting young lady, and will certainly make some young man's heart beat a little faster.

THE PAST IN PICTURES



THERE WERE NO PARKING METERS on Mill Street in Grass Valley in May, 1871. Note wooden sidewalks with planks spanning the gutters, and hand-made rails on balcony.

From the Doyle Thomas collection.

SIERRA BYWAYS

BY DEAN THOMPSON

Several interesting prospects loom in the recall movement against board members Paine, Brickell and Casey.

It is entirely possible the issue won't get on the ballot until the June primary.

It is also possible that the recall group will be able to get enought signatures to get an election against one or two of the board members but not against all three.

Or, consider the possibility of a recall election against all three--with this outcome:

Two of the board members retaining their jobs by large margins, the third member losing out by a lesser margin.

Under those conditions, what then would be the vote of Weston Brunker who has based his vote in favor of Superintendent William Wilson on the premise that it is the peoples' wish to retain him?

Another possibility is three separate elections. This is possible if signatures are hard to get and action is taken against one of the board members successfully, thereby making it easier to get signatures against the second, etc.

One thing seems sure. 1960 will not be a dull year.

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So you think you'll go to the Olympics?

If you've been reading The Citizen, you probably will be looking for some transportation other than by bus.

Therefore, as a public service, we herewith present the train schedule:

Southern Pacific special trains to the 1960 Winter Olympics--"train service to Truckee (11 miles from Squaw Valley) thence connecting bus service to Valley."

On the following days: Feb. 18, 20, 21, 22, 27 and 28.

Trains leave San Francisco at 12:01 a.m. They stop at Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, Martinez, Suisun-Fairfield and Sacramento. Next stop, Truckee.

The specials leave Sacramento at 2:45 a.m.

No stops at Colfax.

The regular trains, however, do stop at Colfax--three of 'em daily.

"Serving Reno," Southern Pacific says, "where buses are available to Squaw Valley. No bus service from Truckee connecting with regular trains."

How does that slogan go?

Next Time Try a Taxi!

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ON THE PROWL.....

While on the subject of Squaw Valley and taxis. We have suggested to everyone we've seen that they take their auto via Highway 20 to the Olympics. Now we're not too sure. Understand the parking facilities were overloaded over the New Year weekend with only a minor attraction to draw the people...And about taxis, the rumors have it that there will be loads of 'black-market' cabs to meet the regular trains and buses that arrive in Truckee. The fees will be fabulous, they say.....Now here's another suggestion for those who still want to see the Winter Games after all we've said: Wander down to Sacramento and catch one of the Speical through buses to Nevada Lodge on the north shore of Lake Tahoe. Then holla, "Fire," when the bus passes the Squaw Valley turnoff... Or if you are meek, continue to the Lodge and taxi back to the Olympics...They have good food along the North Shore, you know...Perhaps the best method of getting there would be to sudy Stan Halls' Snowshoe Thompson series closely, then take off cross-country on skis ...You could make an impressive entry from atop the ski jump run...For our own part, we sure would like to stowaway on the Nevada Union High School District buses (probably rented from Placer County) as they take the high school choir to its singing date on opening day ...Wonder if they'll go via Auburn and Highway 40?



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Country

Pictured ab
right, Mrs.



Photo by Barbara Snow.

Bethel 102, Order of Job's Daughters of Grass Valley held their installation of officers December 12th. Along with the officers selected were the three who are shown above. Left to right, Senior Princess, Sally Redmond; Honored Queen, Barbara Harris, and Mary Evans, Junior Princess.

Social News

Margaret Abrahamson Society Editor

Potpourri by maggi

The days are dreary and dark and there is rain in the air...it is more like winter than it has been since winter officially started...but even then, who knows, it still might be a false alarm.

There are some very peculiar things going on around Our Towns...fer instance...there's a dog in Grass Valley that wears glasses and smokes a pipe... then there's that little model car that runs around Nevada City with various assorted dignitaries seen at the wheel ...and if you think that you are seeing things...listen to the sad plight of two people we know...what went on in the National Hotel Bar New Year's eve caused a number of people to swear off old man demon rum...or else to have another one...we don't know which. But it isn't very often that some of the men we know can be perturbed...but what would any good man do if he saw a live cougar sitting at his feet, calmly wagging his tail? More than one good citizen did a back step...took another look, had an extra drink, and took another look...for that is just what happened. A live, honest to goodness cougar (on a leash) made his frantic appearance for a few minutes, and just as quietly stole away ...and that ain't liquor talkin' either, friend!

THE GOOD PEOPLE on Banner Crest held their annual celebration of the Twelfth Night by having a big bonfire where all the Christmas trees were burned. Everyone joined in singing, and so that the fire would not be for naught... toasted marshmallows, roasted weiners, and had a general gab fest...This has been a tradition on the Crest for several years now, and it sounds like a real nice idea.

Never let it be said that one of the hospitals in the area wasn't in hopes to get the first baby of the year...seems as if there is a young married lady in the community who is expecting...this same young mother-to-be also has a friend in the hospital (and believe me we will leave the hospital unnamed) whom she visits now and then...Well, the nurses are anxious...the mother isn't, the baby isn't due until March...anyway, everytime the young expectant mother comes to visit her friend, the nurses grab hold of her and try to steer her into the prep room...It's too late nurses, dear...The Ashleys beat you to the draw.

DID YOU KNOW that the first baby to be born in our area finally put in her appearance at Nevada County Hospital on January 4th, and up to this moment, (Jan. 7) is the only newcomer for the year of '60? The little one is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fav Ashley of Grass Valley, and has been named Andrea Lynne. Our congratulations to the new parents...and most of all to the FIRST CITIZEN of the year to put in an appearance.

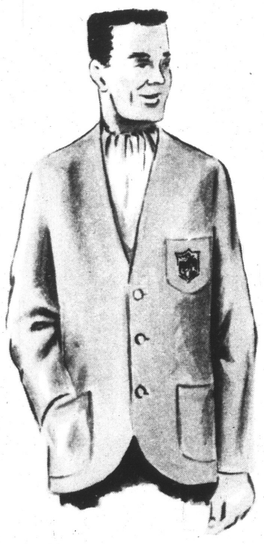
You will notice two new items on The Page this week...a COOKING CORNER where the favorite recipes of our famous cooks of Nevada County will be presented each week. For the COOKING CORNER we are asking that each of you submit your favorite recipes by telephone (Grass Valley or Nevada City 126) or by post card or letter. The recipes will be presented in the lower left-hand corner for easy clipping, and will be in a box the size of a recipe file card...Just drop a note to the COOKING CORNER, Nevada County Citizen, Nevada City.

FASHIONS AND FANCY...where we will show by sketches some of the items that are offered in our advertisers' stores ...P.S. this is a complimentary service we are offering) with the hope that you will find something of interest, either fashion-wise or fanciful, that you have been looking for, but have been unable to locate in the past.

Since we have no babies this week... of course we had the one mentioned up thar' somewhere...our WHO'S NEW IN WHO'S WHO, suddenly becomes WHA' HOPPEN? and possibly WHY?

This is all for now, see you next week. Bye now!

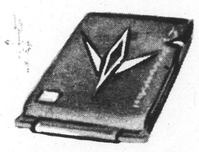
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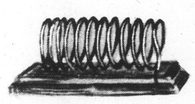
Bennetts Steel presents Cardigan jackets with elaborate insignia on the breast pocket. Comes in five colors--olive green, white, red, navy blue, and gold. Made by Marman Sports Wear.

For fancy desks, and neat ones too,
The Hobbyhouse offers these for you- - -

An assortment of address pads, automatic selection of names...







A ball point pen and scratch pads and a holder for letters for those everlasting bills.



Pictured are, left to right, seated, Mrs. Paul Bergemann and Mrs. De Witt Smith. Standing, left to right, Mrs. Mary Fout, Mrs. Frank Amaral, Mrs. Jerry Dodge, Mrs. Parker Fout, Mrs. Herb Toudy, Mrs. Joe Whiting and Mrs. B.W. Hummelt.

Country Club Ladies Elect Mrs. Ryan As President For 1960



Pictured above are left to right, Mrs. Ed Ryan, Mrs. Tom Legg, Mrs. Gladys Perkins and Mrs. Paul Bergemann.

The Nevada County Country Club Ladies Club held their election of officers January 7, 1960 at the Club House during their regular monthly business meeting and luncheon.

The members elected Mrs. Edward Ryan as President for 1960 with Mrs. Paul Bergemann to serve as Vice President, Mrs. Gladys Perkins as Secretary and Mrs. Tom Legg as Treasurer.

Committees selected by Mrs. Ryan to assist her in the coming year are: Handicap, Mrs. De Witt Smith and Mrs. Paul Bergemann; building committee, Mrs. Parker Fout; ways and means committee, Mrs. Frank Amaral; captain, Mrs. Mary Fout; Mrs. Herb Toudy, rules committee; tournament committee members are Mrs. Jerry Dodge and Mrs. Joe Whiting; and social chairman, Mrs. B.W. Hummelt.

COOKING CORNER

Favorite recipes from the files of Nevada County's fabulous cooks

WALNUT BOURBON BALLS — **Mrs. Tom Legg**

2 1/2 cups finely crushed vanilla wafers
1 cup powdered sugar
2 Tbsp. cocoa
1 cup finely chopped walnuts
(for variation 1/2 cup coconut may be substituted for 1/2 cup walnuts)
Mix lightly.
Then add:
3 Tbsp. white corn syrup
1/4 cup bourbon.
Mix well - roll into 1/2" balls and roll in powdered sugar. This may have to be repeated. Yield 3 1/2 dz.







CLOSE CALLS...were commonplace on Highway 20 during the past two storms. Shown above is the situation two San Mateo men found themselves faced with. Traveling toward a weekend ski party, they tried to pass a wide house trailer on the highway about two miles east of Nevada City. As they passed, a snow removal truck loomed around a far turn. The driver hit his brakes to drop behind the trailer. Instead, he skidded toward the edge, breaking off one of the snow guide poles and placing the front end of the car firmly against a metal mileage marker. Seemingly, these two markers slowed the car enough to hold it topside. About three miles farther along Highway 20, the above mentioned trailer had jack-knifed to a side of the road and was unable to get back on.

Recall Committee

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and President Albert Casey, targets of the movement, had voted at board meetings the past two months not to renew Wilson's contract.

Sanford said there were three groups, those opposing recall, those who are not aware of the board and recall action, and those who feel there is no other way to change what the committee feels is an action by the board out of tune with public opinion.

He said the committee's job was not to get Wilson's position back for him. The committee feels the board members do not represent the will of the people, and signing the petition only indicates a willingness to have the issue put on the ballot.

Although claiming not to back Wilson per se, the committee nonetheless considered an injunction to stop the school board from hiring a new superintendent until after a recall election. They also considered seeking the aid of the California Teachers Association.

Apparently lacking a precedent, they dropped the injunction idea, and also decided to shy away from the CTA so as not to cloud their issue.

Activities of the committee in its first week of operation included the hiring of a Marysville attorney and the collection of $483 with which to begin the battle.

One in the audience set the tempo for going ahead with their plans when he said there was no reason to "stick with a bad bargain."

Sanford warned there would likely be a lot of mud-slinging, but "we shouldn't sling it."

He rededicated the group to the theme that it feels the people are not properly represented by the board.

Petition carriers will have written instructions, Sanford said, and will be guided in abiding "by all the rules of the game."

A petition must be circulated against each of the board members individually.

Vote of the approximately 75 persons present was unanimous to proceed against the three.

Another meeting of the committee is set for Monday night at 8 p.m. This time the meeting will be held in the Junior High School building in Nevada City.

Other officers of the group include Gilbert W. Bell, publicity chairman; Mrs. William Lynch, treasurer; Hal Cox, coordinator; Gino Battista and Hart, legal committee.

Cox, during the meeting, told the group his decision to move to this area was partially based on its good schools.

Snowshoe Thompson

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flour barrels. These crude devices were the property of James Murray and Hamilton Ward, partners in a mining venture on Rabbit Creek in Plumas County and it is recorded that these two men used these stave shoes with great success in traversing the deep snows of the area.

If this was indeed the true humble beginning of skiing in the American west, the mode of travel found quick favor, for by 1860 hundreds of Californians had become adept in the use of skis of one type or another. And while snowshoeing was a necessity for winter mountain travel, the skiers, who were mostly miners with little to occupy their time in winter, began amusing themselves by racing each other down the long Sierra slopes. This racing became such a popular winter sport that several mountain communities started clubs for the staging of formal events.

It is regrettable that the writers who lived and worked in the gold country in the '50's and '60's had so little to say about this business of "snowshoeing." Bret Harte, Mark Twain, Dan De Quille, and later John Muir, all prolific writers of the early California-Nevada days had very little to say about skiing. What fabulous chapters could have been added to the history of early western life had any of these gentlemen attacked this saga of winter sport in any detail. But they chose to ignore it and it was left to lesser talent to pass along to us the meager accounts of the birth of skiing as a sport.

Of the people who did attempt to record the history of sport, Charles W. Hendel was perhaps the most outstanding and perhaps the most accurate of the observers of the time.

Charles Hendel was a surveyor who worked around La Porte, California. For some 50 years he followed skiing by participating in the events as timer and official of the races. His notes tell of the intense rivalry between the snowshoe clubs of the mining communities for honor in the "snowshoe races."

Hendel, a native of Germany, returned there for a visit in 1869. While in Europe he delved into the history of skiing. In his scrap book, preserved in the library at Quincy, California are notes to the effect that he could find no record of European skiing for the sake of the sport only. It was Hendel's thought at the time of his research that skiing as a sport was peculiar to the California mining regions and that schussing or racing in competitive meets had its origin in the Sierra Nevada.

Prominently displayed in the museum at Sutter's Fort in Sacramento, California is a pair of home-made skis that were used some hundred years ago by Snowshoe Thompson to carry mail across the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range.

Cognizant of the historic importance of the coming Winter Olympic Games to California, the museum people have conspicuously mounted these skis where thousands of visitors may see them, read the accompanying thumbnail sketch of their history and see a rare photograph of the handsome Nordic giant who used them.

It becomes immediately apparent to the visitor that here is a man that, to present day Californians, holds a place of singular esteem among the many heroes and argonauts of the State's historic past.

Kitten Caught In Washer

Muffin, a three months old kitten making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gammon of Alta Hill, Grass Valley, had a somewhat harrowing experience Monday morning and will doubtless be washing machine shy from now on.

Little Muffie, his natural curiosity coming to the fore, just had to see what was on the inside of the washing machine, and in he went, while brother "Pete" kept watch outside.

Little did poor, innocent Muffin suspect that "the thing" would attack him, as it did presently when Mrs. Gammon threw the switch to wash some clothes.

Muffin immediately made known his predicament, nearly scaring the daylights out of his mistress, who was at a loss for a moment to know what to do---while "Pete" looked on apprehensively.

Muffie finally managed to withdraw from the one-sided battle, and with ruffled dignity, left the scene of action.

At last report, Muffin was resting comfortably, and except for minor bruises and lacerations, suffered no ill effects.

Former Owners Of Beale Land Threaten Legal Action Over Sale

Recent purchasers of federal surplus land at Camp Beale military reservation were warned today of probable legal action by many of the former owners of the land.

Willard E. Jones, president of the Nevada-Land Landowners Association, said that "all but a few of our members were sent away empty handed from the auction sale conducted by the government. The few members who did manage to get their land back were forced to do so by paying prices out of all reason."

(The Landowners Association is composed of individuals who owned land making up Camp Beale before World War II. They have sought over the years to repurchase the property.)

Jones added: "Through this public statement we are asking our representatives in Congress to request the General Services Administration to defer final awards on this sale because we believe a great injustice has been done, not only to the former owners, but to the people who bought this land at auction.

"It must be remembered that in most areas, we former owners own the mineral rights to the land. We propose to protect our rights in this matter by every legal means. We do not feel that the government has accomplished anything by this sale other then to make a bad situation worse."

"Jones added, what the government has done in this matter is to turn its back on every consideration of moral obligation, which was to afford former owners a decent chance to repurchase their land, in the same parcels that it was taken from them by condemnation, with the promise that they could have it back when it was no longer needed for national defense."

Jones claimed his group and the purchasers are further grossly confused by the policy which GSA has ordered the sale of Beale in the following manner:

1. Accept all high bids equal to or above 90% of fair market value.

2. Bids below 90% - Regional Commissioner have auctioneers enter into negotiation with bidders, and see if they can come to an agreement on acceptable price.

3. 18 parcels on which government has mineral rights - Regional Commissioner defer any future action until he hears from Geological Survey office of the Department of Interior.

The policy poses this question, Jones claimed. First: What is a Fair Market Value? At no time has GSA indicated a minimum acceptable bid nor their appraisers valuation of the property prior to the sale.

A directive which permits the Regional Commissioner to enter into negotiation with the bidders and see if he can come to an agreement on an acceptable price further confuses Jones as to just what an auction consists of.

"If this is to be negotiated deal, why do not previous owners who in most cases own the mineral rights, likewise have the priviledge to negotiate on this property "at Fair Market Value," he asks.

"If this is still subject to negotation why does not this principle apply to all bidders? If the sale of these properties would be concluded by negotiation, why not a negotiated sale originally?," Jones questions.

Jones said it would appear that if this method of sale prevails, extensive litigation would ensue for years.

Highway Ready

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expect to be located so far" from the scene.

No public transportation is available to visitors in this area except a Greyhound bus schedule which calls for departure at 4 a.m. and return at 8:30 p.m.

Highway 20, most direct route to the Winter Olympics from Grass Valley and Nevada City, has been termed a major access route. But no public transportation is available over the route on a scheduled basis.

State and county crews last week gave emphasis to their determination to keep Highway 20 open during the winter.

With Highway 40 closed for eight hours Friday due to a butane truck breakdown, Highway 20 carried all transcontinental traffic during the heavy daytime period between Sacramento and Reno.

Except for numerous minor accidents due to heavy snowfall and slippery conditions, the highway proved to doubters what the California Highway Patrol had stated previously:

Highway 20 will be used as an alternate route in the event Highway 40 must be closed. Highway 20 can handle its own traffic and that of the major Sacramento-Reno route when necessary.

A check along Highway 20 Friday night at the end of the heaviest part of last week's storm showed the highway in good shape, with snow clearance equipment able to keep up with the storm.

Chains were required from the Five Mile House east.

A check early Saturday morning showed Highway 20 virtually clear of snow, although chains were required from the Washington cutoff east. Highway 40, at the intersection of 20, still had severla inches of snow on its surface in both directions.

Official estimates of traffic on Highway 20 during the Olympics shows 500 autos are anticipated to pass through this area between 7 and 9 a.m. enroute, and between 7 and 9 p.m. on the return trip.

$25,000 Claim Is Denied

A claim of personal injury damages in the amount of $25,000 was presented to the Nevada City Council Monday night by a resident who fell in a city crosswalk Dec. 12.

The council rejected the claim of Mrs. Carriel Witchell, claiming the city was not negligent in the accident.

Mrs. Witchell broke her right leg and injured her hip and spine, she claimed in an action brought against the city manager, city clerk and superintendent of public works.

She said the crosswalk almost in front of the City Hall had been newly painted and that the paint made a slick surface upon which she slipped.

This constituted a "trap" according to her claim.

The city will turn the matter over to its insurance carrier in the event further action is taken.

Mrs. Witchell, in addition to the $25,000 claim, also reserved the right to claim special damages in addition.

World War II produced only 2000 tons of rubber.

Snow Falls Over Area

Falling snow and rain Monday turned into snow and a shawl of white was laid across the shoulders of Grass Valley and Nevada City.

Less than one inch of snow fell in most areas, although higher areas surrounding the cities were blanketed.

Chain control Monday night moved down Highway 20 to the fringe of Nevada City and at one time was placed in effect on Colfax highway.

Rain during the past week was the heaviest of the year, bringing comments that winter had finally arrived.

Marriage Licenses

Issued January 4th by the Nevada County Clerk's Office to Baron Lynn Steger, 18, and Sharon Ann Hilstad, 16, both of Gualala, California.

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Issued January 6th by the Nevada County Clerk's Office to Delbert Lee King, 18, of Orleans (Humbolt County) and Nancy Louise Conley, 18, of Grass Valley.

NC Street Work Plans Are Laid

Street work plans were laid before the Nevada City Council Monday night, with work on three streets scheduled to begin with improving weather.

Two other projects were tabled.

Widening of one section of Commercial Street uphill from York Street, at the estimated cost of $540, will begin as soon as possible.

Work on Boulder Street will be held off until weather will allow completion of the job in an orderly manner. Estimated cost of this job is $7267.

Widening of the Sacramento Street "cut" will await approval by the state of matching funds or additional state aid, as well as better weather.

An estimate of between $17,000 and $19,000 was presented the council for a projected A Street job. The plans were laid aside for this year.

Plans for work on Clay street were tabled when T. H. McGuire's engineering office estimated the project at about $16,000. This was more than three times the original guess made when the council first considered the work.

The council has expected only to extend street shoulders in spots and "blanket" the street with a new layer of pavement.

McGuire's plans included building up of the base, grade corrections, as well as drainage work. These items were not originally figured, it was explained. They were included to bring the street up to state standards in order to qualify for aid funds.

The city fathers were reminded by City Manager (Admiral) James Ray that previous work done with state aid funds did not require state standards as a prerequisite to the money.

Councilmen also objected, one saying, "We don't want a major project out there."

Another commented, "I think McGuire should have drawn the plans the way we wanted."

With that, the project was tabled and the plans ordered returned to McGuire's office "for further consideration."

The explosion about the Clay Street job was possibly set off by the comment earlier in the meeting that the Commercial Street plans and estimate had been "a year" in preparation at the engineer's office.

Authorities Find Body

The body of a man, identified by papers found on his person as Robert Joseph McMahon, 43, of Indianapolis, Indiana, was discovered Saturday afternoon in the Truckee River.

A Greyhound Bus ticket to Wyoming, along with $235.00 in cash, was found on the body.

Authorities estimate that the body had been in the river 18 hours, and although there were no indications of foul play, are continuing the investigation.

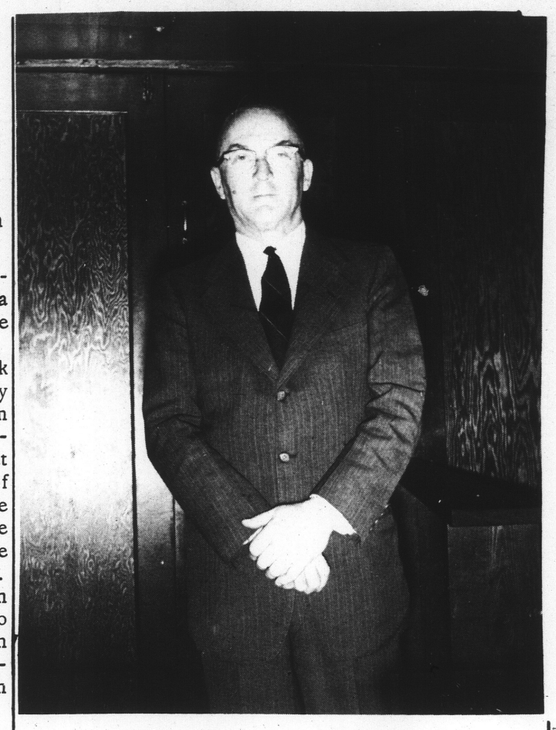
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High School Board Majority Reveals Reasons For Not Rehiring Superintendent Wilson



Superintendent William Wilson

Center of Controversy

CLAIM WILSON TOLD OF PLANS IN OCTOBER

Under fire of a recall committee, the three high school district trustees who voted to refuse a new contract to Superintendent William Wilson last week gave some of their reasons.

The list of reasons for refusing to rehire Wilson are as follows:

"Mr. Wilson lacks the confidence of many people throughout the entire district.

"His employment as superintendent is highly controversial in that many people and groups are actively opposed. A superintendent should be accepted by and have the support of the district as a whole.

"He gives too much attention to irrelevant details which results in time wasted and lack of organization. The appearance of always being busy does not necessarily indicate efficiency.

"Many times he has not followed through with directives and instructions of the board and its committees, either deliberately or because of becoming engrossed in other matters.

"He does not face problems squarely and think them through in a logical manner.

Casey, Paine and Brickell also stated that in October "Mr. Wilson was told that apparently a majority of the board would be opposed to renewing his contract."

All three had refused to divulge reasons for their actions since it first became public in December.

CAMERON TELLS ABOUT SQUAW VALLEY

"There's no need for panic." So concluded State Senator Ronald G. Cameron last week after attending the Assembly hearings on the Squaw Valley situation. Cameron holds the 7th senatorial district seat representing Nevada, Placer and Sierra counties.

"First of all, let's not forget that the coming games are going to be the most spectacular in history, for both spectators and competitors. The sports facilities are excellent, and conveniently located in one area," Cameron said.

Questioned about the large outlay of state funds for the Olympics, Cameron stated he believes the state will "get the money back" in a reasonable period of time.

Of the eight million dollars appropriated by the legislature, five million, Cameron pointed out, is for Olympics use, while three billion will be used to help convert the area to a state park.

"I agree with Will Rogers," Cameron said, "that we should take it easy at Squaw Valley for a few years, operating on a minimum budget, until we see just what we have."

Rogers is a state park commissioner.

The lodges and buildings, he believes, could be turned over to private enterprise either by lease or sale. "But I would keep two of the dromitories for youths on limited budgets."

Cameron also believes that the state's present arrangement with Alex Cushing under which Cushing, original developer of Squaw Valley ski facilities, has a ten year lease on state ski lifts, is reasonable.

BUS, AUTO COLLIDE ON ICY HIGHWAY 20

Icy road conditions were major contributing factors in 2 separate accidents occurring on Highway 20 above Nevada City during last week's storm.

The first, involving a Greyhound Bus, occurred at 1:30 Friday afternoon, eight miles east of Nevada City, during the time traffic was being shunted through Grass Valley and Nevada City because of a butane tanker's leaking gas on Highway 40 near Immigrant Gap.

According to the California Highway Patrol report, Dorothy Brown Bass, 50, of Loyalton, who was driving toward Nevada City and had just removed her chains at the Chain Control Station, lost control of her car when she applied her brakes and skidded on an icy spot in the road. Her car came to rest in the center of the highway, facing the direction from which she had just come.

A Greyhound Bus, also westbound, driven by George Kamp of Reno, was unable to stop. It hit Mrs. Bass' car head-on, with the two vehicles careening off the road, each on a different side in the manner fo two billiard balls.

Mrs. Bass, who suffered apparently minor injuries, was taken to the Miners' Hospital in Nevada City by a passing motorist. Her late-mooel car was towed from the scene by Angelini Brothers of Nevada City.'

The bus, having a weight-advantage, received minor damage to the right side and was driveable. There were no injuries reported aboard the bus.

The second of the icy-week end accidents was a head-on collision at dusk Saturday just west of the Bear Valley Grade between a station wagon containing 7 passengers and a Division of Highways Chain Control Truck.

This resulted in minor injuries to 3 passengers, and a general shaking-up to the remainder.

The Chain Control Truck was westbound on Highway 20, while the station wagon was traveling east. The vehicles were about to meet at a point where, because of snow conditions, cars were parked on both sides of the highway-partially on the traveled portions of the road.

The driver of the station wagon, parked his vehicle to yield the road to the Chain Control Truck, but was unable to stop. The head-on collision ensued.

William Gilbert Gemmill, 53, of Nevada City, was the driver of the Chain Control Truck. The station wagon was driven by Thomas Lane McGahey, 32, and carried as passengers: Audrey Mae McGahey, 26, and their 2 small children (all of Nevada City); Olivia Gonzales, 15; Joseph G. Gonzales, 20; and Joseph G. Gonzales, Jr., age 3 mos. (all of Wheatland).

Both vehicles received moderate damage to the front end, and were towed from the scene by Angelini Brothers of Nevada City.

Merchants

A meeting of retail merchants in Grass Valley will be held today at noon in the Bret Harte banquet room.

The Statue of Liberty was a gift from the people of France to the United States in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of American independence.

ROSEVILLE MAYOR RUNS FOR OFFICE

Roseville Mayor George Buljan announced last week he would oppose Ron Cameron's bid for reelection as State Senator of the Seventh Senatorial District in California.

Both Democrats, one will be eliminated in the June 7 primary.

Buljan served the past four years as member of the Placer County Democratic Central Committee. He is also president of the Roseville Democratic Mens Club and has been chairman in Roseville for two years in the Dollars for Democrats drives.

Other civic activities include presidency of the Roseville High School Board of trustees, and directorship of the Roseville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Buljan, 39, is a native of Sacramento and graduated from the schools there. He is married and has four children.

A resident of Roseville for 18 years, Buljan spent more than three years in the armed forces, worked five years as a railroad employe in Roseville with the Pacific Fruit Express at the car shops, spent seven years as a member of the Roseville Police Department.

For the past ten years, he has owned a service station.

A past president of the Pony League, Buljan has been a member of the board of directors of the Roseville Little League for five years.

The candidate is a member of the Eagles, Elks and Moose lodges. He is also a member of the American Legion and Roseville Rotary Club.

"I sincerely hope that with my background in municipal government, education, law enforcement, business and labor that I will have the opportunity to serve the people of the Seventh Senatorial District," Buljan said.

CAMPTONVILLE HIGH SETS DIMES DANCE

The students of Camptonville High School are sponsoring a March of Dimes Dance to be held at the Camptonville School Friday night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Parent - Teachers' Club, Camptonville Women's Club and School Board members are donating refreshmemts which will be sold at a nominal charge.

Arch Brooks' orchestra will furnish the music.

Earl Boyn, Nevada City, will do vaudeville skits during intermission, and will auction articles donated by Nevada City and Grass Valley merchants. There will also be a door prize.

The high school students hope many friends from neighboring towns and cities ages 9 to 90 will "come to Camptonville for a good time."

Proceeds will go to the New March of Dimes.

Downieville PG&E Manager Retires

Stanley N. McCormick, manager of Pacific Gas and Electric Company at Downieville since 1949, retired December 31, according to an announcement by Walter D. Skinner of Auburn, manager of the PG&E Drum Division.

McCormick was guest of honor at a retirement party held Dec. 18 at the conclusion of the annual children's Christmas party of the Pacific Service Employees Association at the Downieville Community Hall.

L. R. Farrell of Grass Valley, manager of the Nevada District of the company, presented him with a gift from his fellow employees, a deep sea fishing outfit.

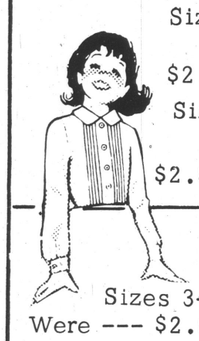
Mr. and Mrs. McCormick have bought a home at Pacific Grove, but they will continue to live in Downieville, where Mrs. McCormick is Sierra County clerk, auditor and recorder.

Born in Lafayette, Contra Costa County, McCormick attended school in Sacramento and from 1915 to 1928 engaged in mining. He was variously a mill man, mill foreman or carpenter at the Plumbato, Tightner, Eagle Bird and Sixteen to One mines at Alleghany and for three years prospected for himself. During World War I he used his skill with tools as a machinist's mate in the Navy.

In 1929 he began rewiring homes in Downieville and installing meters for PG&E. He continued to work part time in the electric department of the company between 1931 and 1949 while serving as chief deputy in the Sierra County sheriff and tax collector's office.

During his long Downieville residence McCormick has served as president and a director of the Sierra County Chamber of Commerce, president of the Downieville Lions Club, president of the Native Sons of the Golden West, and home service chairman of the Red Cross. He is a charter member and past commander of Harry Thomas Post #462, American Legion, and during World War II was secretary of the county draft board. He is active in affairs of E Clampis Vitus and the Masonic order, in which he is past master of Mountain Shade lodge.

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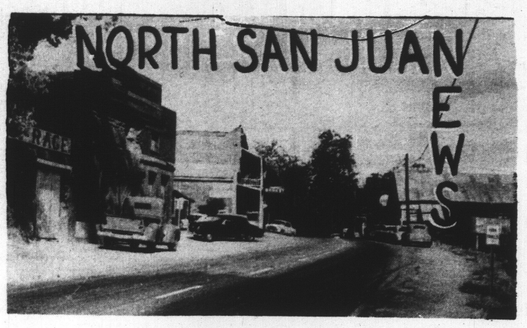
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1960 sneaked in the door with the six of us sleeping soundly. Earlier in the evening, however, there was a good deal of clinking and toasting which the children dearly loved. Being overly protective of the crystal, I had to put a stop to that.

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Dawn and Loren Trubschenk attended the East-West Game at Kezar Stadium with two couples from Sacamento.

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Doanie Addleman is in San Rafael playing guessing games with a certain stork. She went down to be with daughter Carol when the big moment arrives.

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Sunday, Agnes Cartwright is heading back down to the University Hospital for surgery. She has about her a real spirit of adventure which is just as it should be and we are all looking forward to a real good gab fest when she returns.

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North San Juan will be losing John White to Wyoming. Agnes says Chester and Zoann Wasley plan on driving him to Reno to the airport Saturday. John had been visiting since last September, and had originally planned on staying the whole winter but must be getting homesick. John, if you'd just stick it out a little longer we might be able to whip up a real good snowstorm for you.

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The Jack O'Dells entertained Alma and Vern Melson and their daughter Patricia and finance Ken Martin, all of Roseville, New Years day. The O'Dells, by the way, still have several real cute puppies that need a good homes.

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Wright and Irma Colman had dinner and waited in the New Year with Wade and Cecile Wilson.

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Tuesday the WSCS met at the home of Elsie Prentise for a nice potluck luncheon. These gals are already sewing for their next Baazar to be held next November. Such ambition.

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Ladies Birthday Club met Wednesday, and names were drawn for secret pals for the coming year. Hostess for the event was Phyllis Butz..

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Alice and Warren Wilson attended a New Years Eve Party at the home of Jan and Dell Pugh in Celestial Valley.

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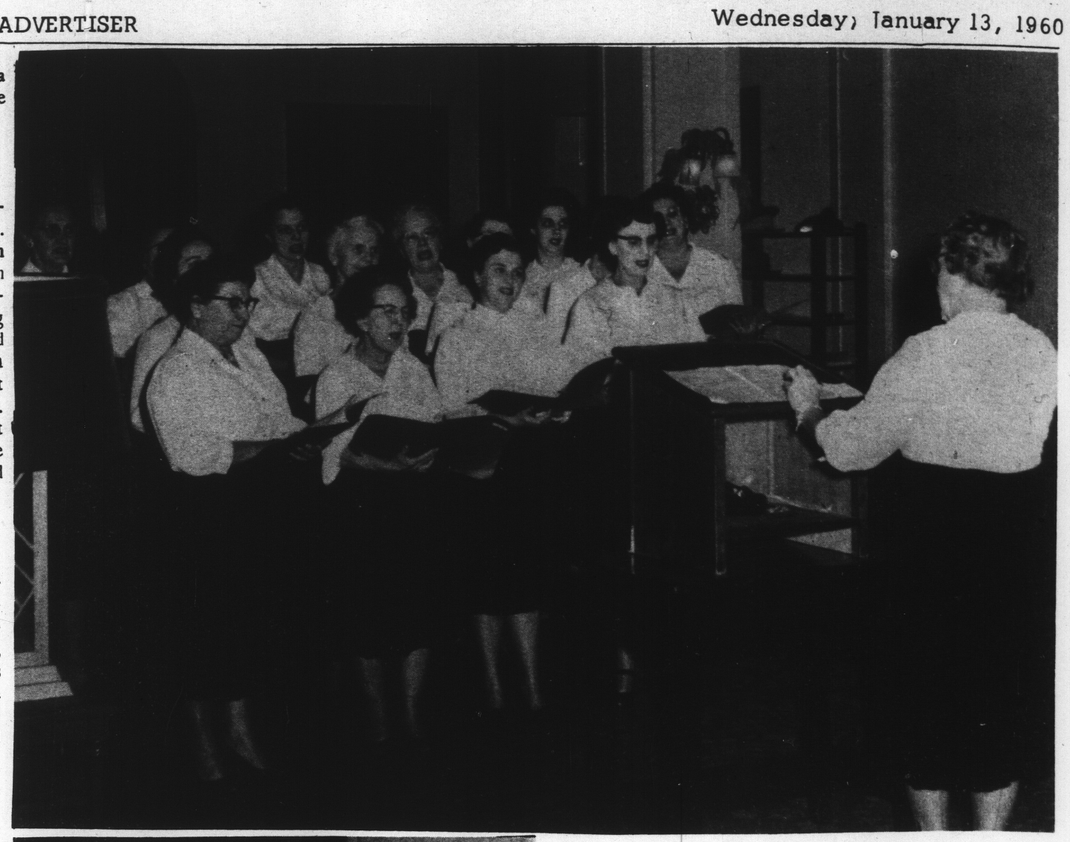
Tod and Margaret Perry had their two nephews, Marty and Timmy Perry of Orangevale staying with them for a week.

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Remember Fran Selvester's neice that spent some time up here last summer? Dianne Albough of Bakersfield? Fran tells me she is getting married this month. Lets hope that won't prevent future visits as we all enjoyed having her around.

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Plagued with bad luck over the holidays was Ann Gaylord who spent a week in the hospital (during Christmas) and came home to find almost 100 of her parakeets had died.



SERENADE...in the lobby of the Bret Harte Inn in Grass Valley enhanced the celebration of the Christmas holiday. Shown singing carols and other numbers is the Newcomers' Lyric Ensemble, under the direction of Mrs. G.B. Stebbins. In the other photo Mrs. Stebbins is shown with accompanist Mrs. Sterling Snow in the background.



Nevada City Chamber Will Install Tuesday

Installation of officers of the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday night at the Victorian Room of the National Hotel.

Speaker of the evening will be Bill Stinson, Grass Valley realtor. His subject will be development of Nevada County, it was announced this week by outgoing President Bert See.

Originally set for last night, the installation was moved to the Jan. 19 spot in order to assure better attendance. Reservations can be made through the chamber office in Nevada City.

Cocktails will be served at 7 p.m., dinner at 8 p.m.

Master of ceremonies for the affair will be Robert Paine. Installing officer will be Willard Rose. Rev. Robert Findley will give the invocation.

Adult Education Returns To Area In February

Adult education returns to Nevada Union High School District the first week in February after a one semester lapse.

The district board Monday night authorized 17 tentative classes which were proposed by teachers of the district.

Art Scott will act as principal of the adult education program.

Fees for most classes will be $2. Shop and drivers' education classes will draw a fee of $5.

Minimum class size to begin the semester will be 15. Once started, the class will continue until attendance drops below ten. Driver training classes will be limited to five persons.

Classes will be given once or twice a week, depending on the course. Once a week classes will be of three hour length. Twice a week classes will be for two hours each night.

Teachers will be paid $4.50 per hour of class room instruction.

Classes approved by the board include:

A general academic class for those desiring to finish high school education.

A physical education, physical fitness class.

Elementary German, Comparative history of Russia and the United States, and Speech.

Typing, business education, business machines, and bookkeeping.

Wood shop, auto shop, arc and gas welding, and blue print reading.

Vocational agriculture, photography, and sewing.

JC Award Dinner

Reservations for the Saturday night award dinner of the Grass Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce are available through the senior chamber office.

The dinner will honor a young man of the Western Nevada County area with a Distinguished Service Award, according to Don Davis, president.

Music Set At Club

Music every Saturday night at the Gold Center Club has been assured by the signing of Bud Foote and his Golden Melodiers trio.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith announced the orchestra will also be available for banquets, large birthday and anniversary groups when reservations are made far enough in advance.

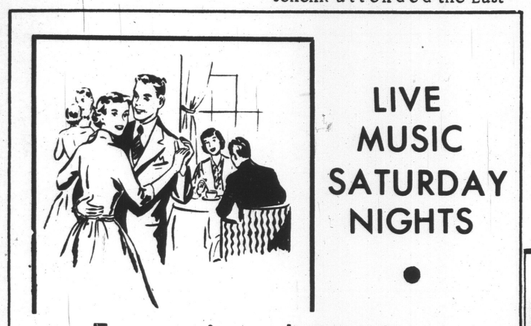
Five banquets are scheduled for the second half of January, Mrs. Smith announced.

Japan exported about $17 million worth of pearls last year.



Troop 17 of the Girl Scouts, Nevada City, with their leaders Dorothy Spickelmier and Beverly Lewis, started plants from clippings last fall and brought the healthy new plants to the Nevada County Hospital for the patients who had to spend the Holidays there. Pictured above are the girls with their plants just before they entered the hospital. The girls sang carols and served cookies and punch to the patients. Left to right in the front row are Donna Eckman, Polly Jacobs, Nonia Heiser, RoxAnn Spickelmier; Middle row, Linda Little, Karen Degranfried, Sharon Russell; Back row, Dorothy Spickelmier, leader; Janet Pierce and Beverly Lewis, leader.


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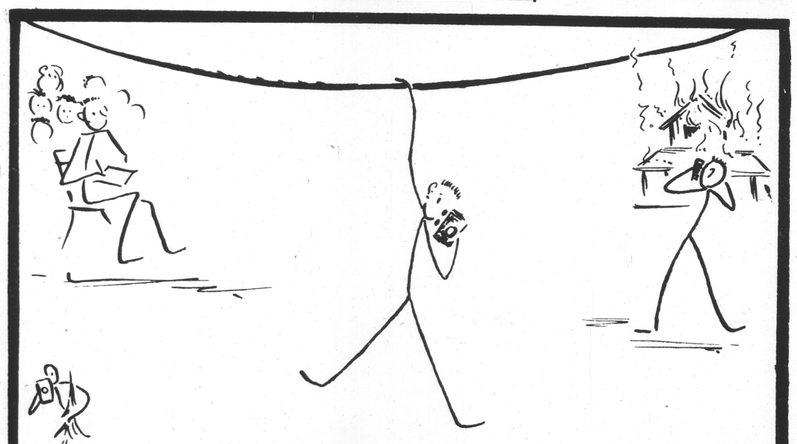
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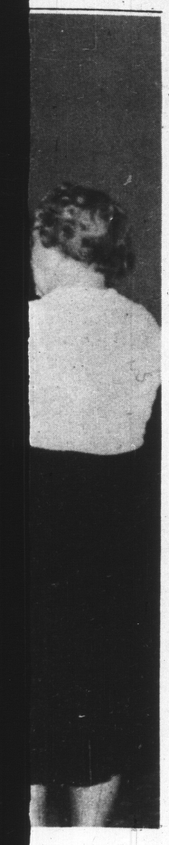
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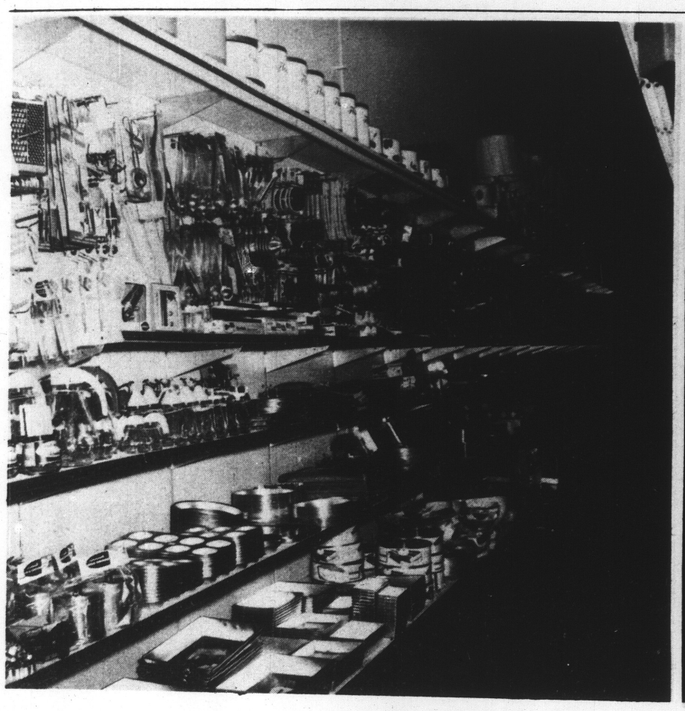
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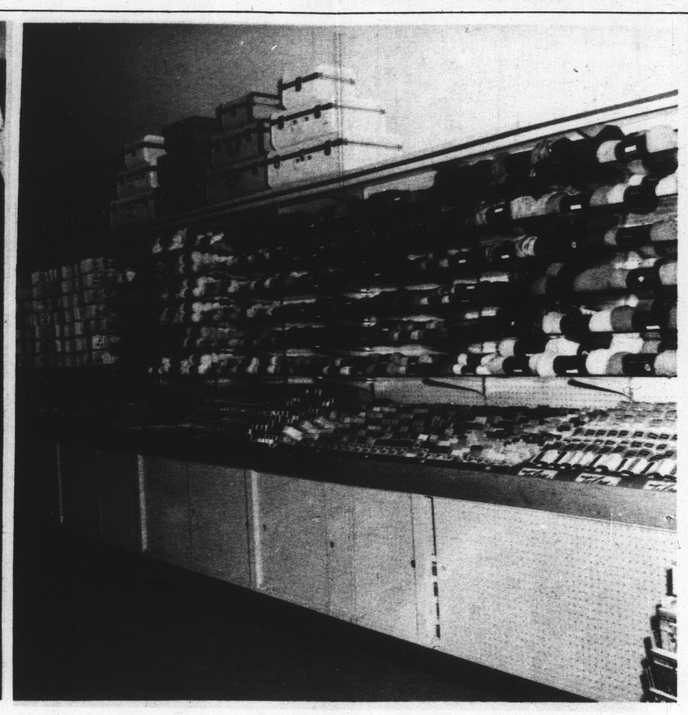
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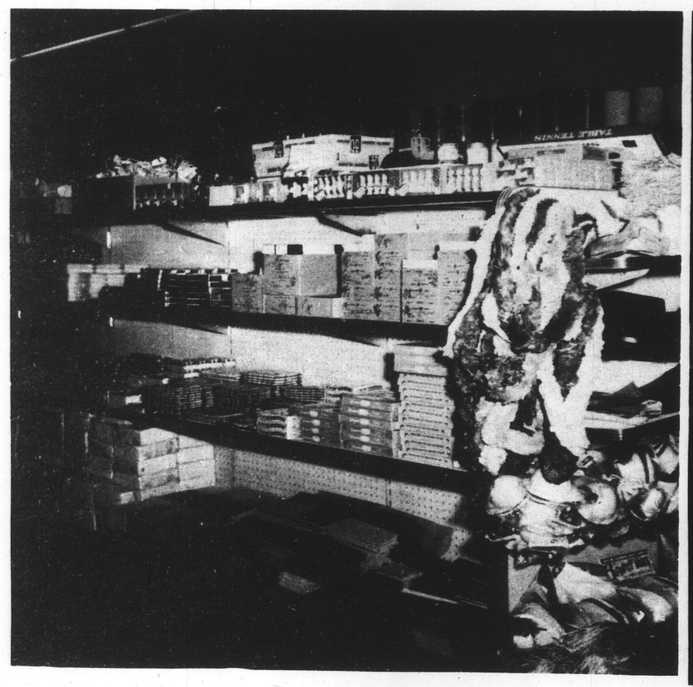


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GRAND OPENING...this week of Mc Lean's Variety in Grass Valley will feature specials, according to owner Gordon Mc Lean. Shown in the photos are a few of the many shelves of merchandise brought in for the new store's opening.





Three Supervisors Face Election On June 7 Primary Ballot

County Clerk John T. Trauner said election of three supervisors, three constables and central committees will highlight local balloting in the primary election June 7th.

Supervisors whose terms will expire next January 1st are Mosco Smart of Nevada City, W. W. Bishop of Grass Valley and Henry Loehr of Truckee.

Filing dates for nomination are March 9th to April 8th.

Within a month the supervisors will appoint a constable for Grass Valley Township to fill the short unexpired term of the late Arthur Hammond. The appointee also must file for nomination for for the successive term of six years. Terms also are expiring at the end of the 1960 calendar year for Earl Rickard of Nevada City Township and N.F. Dolley of Truckee township.

Republican and Democrat central committeemen, 21 for each party, will be chosen at the primary. Registered voters may file for nomination, each name appearing on the ballot, between March 9th and April 8th, or be elected by writein. The 21 persons receiving the highest vote will be elected.

If more than two persons contest a position and one is not elected by majority vote at the primary he must run off against the next highest vote receiver in the November 8th general election.

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Traffic On New Lanes Near Davis

Traffic over a portion of U. S. Highway 40/99W in Yolo County was turned onto the newly widened lanes of the six-lane freeway now under construction, according to Edward F. Silva, resident engineer for the State Division of Highways.

Motorists were routed onto the new lanes three miles east of Davis. At the Richards Boulevard interchange construction area, westbound traffic is detoured to a portion of the eastbound lanes, then back onto westbound lanes just west of the Solano-Yolo county lines.

The new eastbound lanes were opened to traffic the previous week. The project, a $2,000,000 job, is expected to be completed in late spring or early summer.

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North San Juan Teenage Club A Result Of Parent Participat

"Teenage Club", as it is known in North San Juan, was started about four years ago by Yolande Reader and Frances Milhous, whose children were getting to the age where they expected social outlets beyond watching TV come saturday night.

The fifteen mile drive to "town, to see a show", over treacherous terrain, acted as a spur to these mothers who had horrors of waiting up wondering whether their children has plunged to the bottom of the Yuba.

The two sets of parents started off by having parties in thier own homes, but discovered that more room and help was needed. So they proceeded to write letters to all the parents of teenagers in the area.

A parents meeting was called, club rules laid down and details worked out. A delegation was sent to visit Ed Kohler, asking permission to use Twambly Hall for dances. Ed granted permission and Teenage Club was in business.

Though the name is indicative of the members, the mothers are actually the backbone of the organization and keep the closest type of contact with their young charges. They are called the Mothers Club (not to be confused with the Parents Club, which is for the elementary set out here).

The mother of any teenager joining the club automatically belongs to the Mothers Club, which obligates her for a share in the chaperoning duties that are run on a revolving basis.

Two chaperones are required for every party held twice monthly, and the chaperones furnish the refreshments, usually cookies and punch.

The Mothers Club meets every six months to switch "head mothers", or only when a problem arises.

The "head mother" supervises the whole operation and is responsible for making out lists of chaperones and seeing that things run smoothly. She also has an assistant head mother and if for some reason a chaperone "can't make it" one or the other will fill in.

The children have their own organization and elect officers. The dues are 15¢ per month. The monies raised are used for the purchase of new records.

To start with they all brought records from home but it wasn't long till a Cherry Carnival came up and someone came up with the idea of sponsoring a "Queen" contest with tickets to be sold and a door prize awarded.

Since then, they have had some variation on that idea every-so-often, and as a result, are one of the most solvent clubs in the area.

One of their earliest purchases was a juke box...they lost this when Twambly Hall burned, but are now in the market for another and since they were smart enough to carry insurance on the original, have that money with which to buy one.

The burning of Twambly Hall presented yet another problem that of where to hold parties. Babe Pinaglia was kind enough to let the kids use his hall, gratis.

Everyone was properly grateful and this arrangment would have continued indefenately had it not been for the lack of sanitary facilities in the building. This situation meant chaperones had to escort children out of the building and made adequete supervision difficult.

At a recent Mothers meeting it was decided to have parties at the Birchville Schoolhouse. This move will likely solve many of the minor problems plaguing the Club. Mostly due to the attractive location of Babe's hall, it was prime target for partycrashers. Naturally the Teenage Club and their parents are desirous of protecting the reputation of the members. It was difficult due to the fact that random teenagers would choose that spot to do their roof-raising, distracting the children and confusing the townspeople who couldn't keep track of who was who.

One problem that has resisted solving, till recently, was the constant problem of "freeloader" children who come week after week, but never join. Surely this was not due to the monthly charge, but most likely due to apathy on the part of the parents who are loathe to chaperone and provide refreshments.

This put quite a burden on conscientious mothers, but they didn't do too much complaining in the past over this because they felt that these children were in need of the outlets the Club provided even more, possibly the other children.

However, in the future only invited guests, besides regular members, will be admitted, and they will have to abide by the rules or will be asked to leave. For the most part the children behave beautifully and thoroughly enjoy their parties.

The teenagers of North San Juan, and indeed the whole town, owe a great debt of thanks to these civic minded mothers, for the problems of delinquency are social in nature. These mothers have done a marvelous job of providing recreation for the youngsters and of lessening the ravages of youth a lack of things to do.

Sealed Bids Sought For Highway 40 Acreage

The State Division of Highways has asked for sealed bids for the purchases of 1.92 acres adjacent to Highway 40 about six miles northeast of Colfax. Bids will be opened January 21 at the Marysville district office.

The property is a portion of that which was acquired by the state in connection witn freeway construction completed last summer. The wedge-shaped plot is not needed for highway purposes. It is located northerly of the highway, 1.5 miles southwesterly of the Gold Run road overcrossing.

Minimum acceptable bid is $288, and the minimum deposit, $213. For additional information contact Division of Highways, 703 B Street, Marysville; Sherwood 3-5421.

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The Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce will hold a meeting of the board of directors Jan. 21, it was announced this week by President Leonard Prisk.

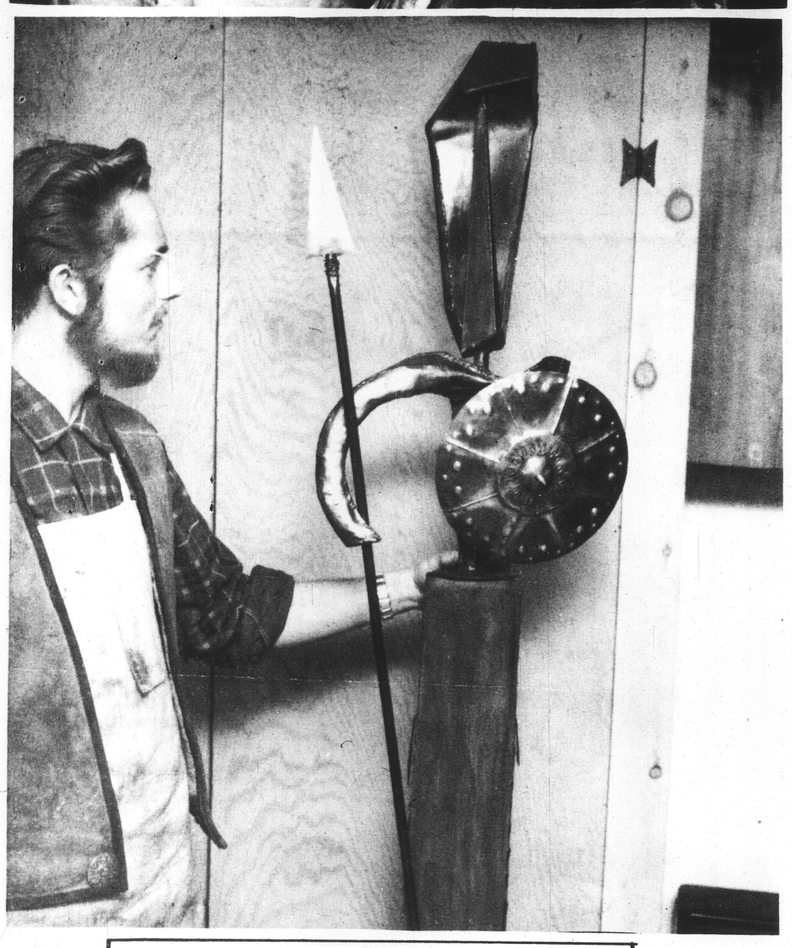
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Area Artists Display Work At Oakland Exhibit

One of the noted are colleges in the west, the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland, will pay a unique honor this month to the many artists and craftsmen of The Nevada City Art Association by exhibiting their works in an extensive showing.

The show will run from Jan. 16 to Feb. 7 in the college gallery at College and Broadway Streets.

The invitation to exhibit provides further evidence of growing and widespread appreciation of Nevada County artistry.

Only last month the local association set a new high in attendance and sales at its seventh annual Artists' Christmas Fair.

The Oakland Exhibit will feature painting as well as weaving, metalwork and other crafts of the following: Robert and Dorothy Gilberg, Beverly and Richard Hackett, Hans, Elizabeth, Norman and Patricia Grag (See pictures), Helen Liotta, Neils Frederikson, Grace Skaar, Henry Roese, Helen Botecou, James and Viola Stock, Barbara Allen, Ellen Alexander, and others.







ARTISTRY....of Nevada City Art Association members will be on display in Oakland for three weeks. Shown in these pictures and the Hans Grag and Norman Grag families with examples of their artistic work. Hans and his wife, Elizabeth stand beside one of her tapestries, woven of many yarns and including such objects as Manzanita twigs, cherry branches, sheep sorrel, yellow lichen and tule stalks. With them are son Norman and his wife, Pat. The two men are master metalsmiths. Elizabeth also does metal work, while Pat paints and does mosaics. In other photos, Hans is shown with an elegant brass sculpture of a bird; Norman is shown beside his own modern brass and steel "Warrior" and working on a brass church door plate. Workshop for the families is in the basement of Hans' home on Wet Hill Road. Norman and his wife live next door. Many of the Grag items are on sale at Gumps in San Francisco. Much of the family's time is spent designing and constructing brass decorations for churches throughout the state.

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LOIS MAGONIGAL TELLS OF TRIP TO 4-H CONVENTION

The 4-H Club Leaders Council program sparkled Wednesday evening with the report of Lois Magonigal.

Lois, 1958 All Star, has has returned from the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Illinois. She represented Nevada County and California as the 4-H State Sheep Award winner.

Going to a National Convention was quite an experience for a girl that hasn't been on a train or out of the State. The first night in the pullman car was similar to riding a bucking broncho and a diving ship, says Miss Magonigal.

Soon, however, all of the 24 California delegates were good pals and waving their blue and gold scarves at citizens of the various estern states.

The Pleasant Valley 4-H ers were perhaps most impressed with the world's largest hotel in Chicago, having stayed on the 22 nd floor.

The Church service, with 1500 in attendance, made a most impressive start of the convention.

Several large companies sponsored the different meals and dinnertime activities. Included was an orchestra and a floor show at every meal. Various favors were presented each of the 1300 delegates from each of the 50 states.

One of the amusing parts of the program was the competative spirit between the Northern and Southern delegates when the dinner orchestras played Dixie and Yankee Doodle.

The states varied in the competition and the methods of selection to attend the conference. Lois thinks that California is on the right track with their healthy and active competitive spirit.

Chicago didn't look like a good place to live, according ot the delegate. There were so many fast cars, busy streets, an awfully big city, and the weather was very cold.

"It must be a pretty rough place because there is a policeman on every street corner," was a comment.

Miss Magonigal wishes that every 4-H member might stay in 4-H long enough to realize some of the same benefits. It was well worth working for, she said.

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